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For : TREX, A NOVEL GENE OF TRAF-INTERACTING
EXT GENE FAMILY AND DIAGNOSTIC AND
THERAPEUTIC USES THEREOF

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Sir:

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3)

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit A**) and which were previously cited in connection with the prosecution of U.S. Serial No. 09/156,191 or PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/21654, from which the subject application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120. According to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of patents or publications that were previously cited by, or submitted to, the Patent Office in connection with such prior applications need not accompany the Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, copies of the following references are not attached to this Information Disclosure Statement:

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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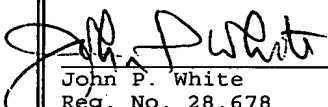
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